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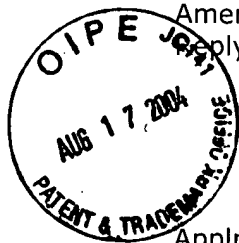
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper and include an attached red inked sketch of Figure 1.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page _____ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page _____ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

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